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EDITORIALS†

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SESSION: DEL MONTE
MAY 1-4, 1939

Pre-Convention Bulletin and Program Supplement.—The Annual Session Program and Pre-Convention Supplement to this April issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE presents a most interesting word picture, in part, of what may be expected when the doctors of medicine who compose the guild of licensed physicians in this State convene in Del Monte.

The scheduled sessions really begin on Sunday, and California Medical Association members who can do so should avail themselves of the opportunity to gather at the inviting Hotel Del Monte, to attend some of the informal meetings of the day preceding the regular session that begins on Monday, May 1.

In recent issues of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL considerable information concerning these forthcoming gatherings has been outlined, and the Program Supplement is now called to the attention of all Association members because of details contained therein. Even though you know that it may not be possible for you to attend, it will be worth your while to scan the pages of the Supplement, and note for yourself the nature of the scientific problems which several scores of colleagues have been studying, and concerning which they will give their tentative or other comments in the section meetings at Del Monte.

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Pre-Convention Bulletin.—No less worthy of perusal are the reports, in the Pre-Convention Bulletin section, of officers and committees. These fellow members, the duly elected representatives of the State Association and its component societies, are the colleagues upon whose shoulders have fallen not only mantels of honor, but also burdens of heavy labor. For the profession they love, they have given of themselves the best service of which they are capable. Withal, they are most modest in speaking of both time and effort freely spent, their accounts being little more than epitomes of end results attained. Glance through the pages of the Pre-Convention Bulletin and observe the wide range of activities within the Association.

† Editorials on subjects of scientific and clinical interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comment column which follows.

Other Reasons for Attending the Annual Session.—This year, it is especially desirable that there be a free interchange of opinion on some of the important issues challenging the medical profession. Certain proposed laws, now before the California Legislature, will, if enacted, change the whole background and character of medical practice in California. Why not, then, journey to Del Monte and exchange views with your fellows on these problems, and then acquaint your constituted representatives with your understanding of the issues involved? It will be as good, yes, better than an ordinary vacation; for, in fact, if certain proposed statutes are sanctioned by the Legislature, there may be, for some time to come, for many members of the profession fewer, if any, vacations. So, if at all possible, join with the others in this migration to one of the most delightful corners of California's garden world, and be present at Del Monte for at least one or more of the wonderful days.

"C. P. S."—CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS' SERVICE*

Real Progress Has Been Made.—During the last several months, organized medicine in California has been making pioneer progress in a State-wide plan by means of which citizens belonging to certain lower income groups will be able in future, through periodic payments, to secure for themselves assurance of medical service and hospitalization that will speedily eliminate the justifiable fear so often associated with the matter of possible and burdensome costs which confront one in an experience with unforeseen and unpredictable illness. It is gratifying, therefore, to know that the response to the letters, inviting all doctors of medicine who are licensed to practice in California to register under this voluntary plan of California Physicians' Service, has been so generously prompt.

That, however, is not enough. It is desirable, more, it is important, that every doctor of medicine in the State should personally align himself with this movement. Wherefore, keep in mind that your colleagues, who have accepted the responsibility of serving as members of the Board of Trustees of the California Physicians' Service, have been giving hours and days of their time and best thought in the effort to set this C. P. S. in efficient operation. They are worthy of wholehearted coöperation. Fail not to send in your registration letter.

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To Physicians Who Have Failed to Register. If, then, you who read these lines are among those who have not yet sent in your registration blank, may we not urge you to do so today!

If, however, you have, perchance, misplaced the letter that was mailed to you, write at once to California Physicians' Service, 602 Mills Building, 220 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, and request another blank. Then sign and remail it at once!

* For other items, see page 289.

PROPOSED STATUTES: CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Biennial Sessions Have Not Lessened Proposed Legislation.—When, some years ago, the California Legislature changed its sessions from an annual to the biennial type, one of the hopes expressed was that proposed legislation submitted in the biennial gatherings would be lesser in quantity and better in quality. In the March issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, however, on pages 172 and 213, attention was called to the fact that more than four thousand (4,000) laws had been submitted by the State Senators and Assemblymen now in session at Sacramento—an all-time, so it is said, high!

The many proposed statutes having relation to public health and medical practice were indicated in the comments given on pages 213–218, as taken from a preliminary draft made by the California Medical Association Committee on Legislation and Public Policy. That list should be inspected.

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Extended Comment on Proposed Laws Not Possible.—To attempt to give extended comment on these many legislative endeavors, therefore, would require far more space than the OFFICIAL JOURNAL is able to allocate. It is suggested, however, that members who are interested may find additional and interesting comment in the Press Clippings columns of the News Department of each issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

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California Medical Association's Legislative Record in Former Years.—It is an interesting fact that, in spite of general opinion to the contrary, it has so happened—not only for this year, but for decade after decade, and from the time the first medical practice act was brought into being—that the medical profession of California, through its organized units, has presented to the State's statute makers for consideration comparatively few laws. It is also true that, although the medical profession itself proposed and led in the struggle to protect the health and lives of citizens, through laws that brought into being a medical practice act, in which decent standards of education and training for practitioners of the healing were demanded—and of a State Board of Health—with function to supervise the administration of sanitary and other statutes designed to promote the conservation of health and life—it may be stated without fear of contradiction that its legislative activities have otherwise been called into action only on occasions when onslaughts, devious or in the open, were being made against those statutory enactments which experience, in the different commonwealths of the Union, had proved to be necessary implements if the health and happiness of the states' citizens were to be properly safeguarded.

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On Several Measures Now Before the Legislature.—At Sacramento, at the present time, animated discussions recurrently flare up when